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2664 Hale Rd., Perry, Ohio
Case # 11-06524*

On Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1926 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 2664 Hale Road in Perry Township in reference to a male who had fired a handgun after a verbal altercation with another male. The reporting party stated that he was fleeing the residence to avoid the male with the firearm, but would not cooperate or provide any further information. The reporting party did state that nobody was injured from the gunfire.

Deputies arrived on scene and formed a perimeter on the noted residence. In speaking to neighbors, one did state they heard multiple gunshots. Once the residence was contained, announcements were made for the occupants to come outside. Two males began to come outside, however one male later turned and re-entered the residence, refusing to come outside. In speaking to the male who did exit, he stated that the male who was still in the house, later identified as 22 year old John Higgins III, had in fact fired a .45 caliber handgun into the air after a verbal argument with another male. Mr. Higgins was also said to be intoxicated. After nearly two hours of announcements requesting Mr. Higgins to exit the house, Deputies made entry into the residence and took Mr. Higgins into custody without incident. The .45 caliber handgun was also located and secured. No party's were injured as a result of this action.

John Higgins III was arrested and booked into the Lake County Jail for Using Weapons While Intoxicated, a first degree misdemeanor.

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